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Dear Mike,

Thank you for contacting the EPA to clarify the language used for the timeframe of adopting the new ENERGY STAR qualified home specifications. As the EPA stated, any home enrolled in a utility sponsored program by December 31, 2005 or permitted by July 1, 2006 can be built to the 2005 ENERGY STAR specifications.

Given the incentive award process used by utilities, the EPA considers a home to be enrolled in a utility program if that home was submitted for consideration of incentives through a formal application process. EPA believes the application is a strong indicator of a homebuilder's intent to build that home to ENERGY STAR specifications. Therefore, any home submitted to a utility through their application process no later than December 31, 2005 can be built to the 2005 ENERGY STAR specifications. Any home not included in the application must be permitted prior to July 1, 2006 to be built to the 2005 ENERGY STAR specification. All homes must be built to the new requirements as of January 1, 2007.

Please contact me at 202-343-9786 if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sam Rashkin". The signature is written in a cursive style. A vertical red line is positioned to the right of the signature.

Sam Rashkin
ENERGY STAR® for Homes

Cc: Glenn Chinery - ENERGY STAR® for Homes